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Confirmation No. **1497**

Group Art Unit: 1772

In re application of: Michel GILLET et al.

Application No. : 09/646,553

Filed : September 19, 2000

Examiner: Simone, Catherine A

For : LAMINATE, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND THE USE  
 OF A LAMINATE IN PARTICULAR AS A MEDICAL BACKING MATERIAL

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 21, 2006. Inasmuch as the three month shortened statutory period for reply is originally set in the Office Action to expire on November 21, 2006 this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application, including any extension of time fees which may be necessary for an Examiner's Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.